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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/765,408	Applicant(s) WALKER ET AL.	
	Examiner James C Yeung	Art Unit 3749	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanson. The structure as claimed is fully anticipated by Hanson. In particular, Hanson shows in Figs. 1-2 a cooking stand, comprising:

a base assembly (C) having a side and bottom surfaces defining a receptacle for holding solid cooking fuel; and

a plurality of folding legs (6) rotatably coupled to the base assembly (C) wherein the legs (6) can be extended to support the base assembly, or such legs can be folded into a substantially compact configuration with the base assembly to facilitate transposition of the base assembly (page 1, lines 16-27).

3. Claims 1-5, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen. The structure as claimed is fully anticipated by Chen. In particular, Chen shows in Figs. 1-7 a cooking stand, comprising:

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a base assembly (3) having a side and bottom surfaces defining a receptacle for holding solid cooking fuel; and

a plurality of folding legs (4) rotatably coupled to the base assembly (3) wherein the legs (4) can be extended to support the base assembly, or such legs can be folded into a substantially compact configuration with the base assembly to facilitate transposition of the base assembly (col. 3, lines 41-46).

In regard to claims 3-5, Chen shows in Figs. 6-7 that the base assembly further including a rotatable platform (2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanson in view of Thibodeau.

Thibodeau teaches the use of a leveling means (66, Fig. 1) for the purpose of assuring correct leveling of base assembly.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the cooking oven stand of Hanson with a leveling means such as taught by Thibodeau in order to assure correct leveling of a cooking oven of the base assembly..


6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Each of Scott and Young is cited to show an erectable combined stove.

Yu is cited to show a stove assembly comprising a rotatable platform.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James C Yeung whose telephone number is 703 308-1047. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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September 20, 2004


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Primary Examiner